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## **PRESS**

**CSUN Northridge** (Daisy Munoz) [Received 3/30]—CLOSED—Student journalist is looking to schedule a 10-15-minute inperson (filmed and audio recorded) interview with someone in the LA office to speak about the current state of climate change and its seasonal affects we are witnessing. The story will be shown in the classroom and the CSUN campus news network. Reporter sent along questions. Will deny interview and refer to HQ. Nahal Mogharabi.

**NBC LA** (Jason Kandel) [Received 3/29]—OPEN—Reporter is looking for a copy of Dan Meer's presentation on the Fruitland Site given at a recent CalOES meeting. Sending to HQ for ok. DDL: TBD. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Cal State Channel Islands** (Daniel Homans) [Received 3/1]—OPEN—Student is working on a project about Ormond beach wetlands in Oxnard. Student sent questions. Waiting for approval for phone interview from HQ. DDL: 3/15. SFUND, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Cal Poly San Luis Obispo** (Cameron Gillies) [Received 3/8]—OPEN—Student is working on a report on oil spills and is looking to speak to someone at EPA about addressing marine life during an oil spill cleanup, different methods, etc. DDL: TBD. ENF, Nahal Mogharabi.

**KPIX** (Abby Sterling) [Received 3/1]—OPEN—Reporter was following up on past interview requests, and would like to schedule an in-person interview for a more in-depth report about UIC wells and aquifers statewide. HQ approved interview. Internally discussing interview options. DDL: TBD. WTR, Nahal Mogharabi.

**Freelance photographer** - Palo Alto (Federica Armstrong) [Received 3/30] – OPEN – Ms. Armstrong is doing a project on Santa Clara County Superfund Sites; she would like a map of each of the sites. Working with program on response. DDL: April 7. SF, Michele Huitric

**KQED** (Beth Winegarner) [Received 3/24] – OPEN – Reporter checked in on status of her request for an interview regarding Triple Site in Sunnyvale, CA, and provided questions she wished to cover. DDL: April 13. SF, Michele Huitric

**KPIX** (Leslie Donaldson) [Received 3/22] – CLOSED 4/3 – Reporter checked in regarding possible rescheduled date for visit to Iron Mountain SF site; previous visit had been postponed due to weather. Let Ms. Donaldson know that May would be the soonest that a visit can happen due to sludge removal currently happening at the site. SF, Michele Huitric

**NBC Bay Area** (Liz Wagner) [Received 4/3] – CLOSED 4/3 – Producer is requesting off the record conversation with EPA regarding Hunters Point Naval Shipyard. Informed Ms. Wagner that we could not accommodate her request, asked her to please send any specific questions she might have. SF, Michele Huitric

**Univision** (Maria Fincher) – OPEN – Reached out to reporter to reschedule quarterly interview. The topic of discussion will be bed bugs: how to prevent infestations and what to do to get rid of them. Confirmed date for May 19<sup>th</sup>. Waiting on HQ for approval. LND. Soledad Calvino.

**Cronkite News/Arizona PBS:** (Aren Kimball Sanett) [Received 4/3] – OPEN - Seeking EPA comment on favorable 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit decision today on Arizona haze FIP. Referred to HQ. AIR, Bill Keener

### **SOCIAL MEDIA & WEB**

#### Social Media:

**Funding for Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)** – Posted to our <u>Twitter</u> page about the funding for CNMI and linked to the U.S. News and World Report article, <u>US Environmental Agency Awards \$1M to Northern</u> Marianas

## Web Updates:

**Brownfields** – Published updated contact information on several of our <u>Brownfields</u> pages.

**Water/NPDES** – Published the final <u>Nacogdoches Oil and Gas Inc. permit</u> and linked to it from <u>NPDES Stormwater and Wastewater Permits</u> page.

### CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

**Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-51) and Rep. Scott Peters (D-CA-52):** Brent Maier shared follow up information prepared by our Water Division with Tim Walsh, Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman Juan Vargas and Brian Elliott, Field Representative, Office of Congressman Scott

including the proposed agenda and logistical information for the upcoming meeting on the Tijuana and New River Watershed Strategy Meeting being hosted in our San Francisco Regional Office on Wednesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Brian Elliott has confirmed his planned attendance and we have received word that Paola Guzman of Congressman Scott Peters' office will be attending the April 19<sup>th</sup> meeting as the Congressman's Chief of Staff, Tim Walsh, is no longer able to attend due to another commitment.

**Rep. Doris Matsui (D-CA-6):** Brent Maier provided information to Sam Stefanki, District Director, in the Office of Congresswoman Doris Matsui in follow up to the recent March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting Mr. Stefanki had with Acting Regional Administrator Alexis Strauss and Senior Policy Advisor Amy Miller. Brent shared a PDF version of our Brownfields fact sheet entitled, "Investing in Sacramento's Brownfields Redevelopment" that was provided to Mr. Stefanki as a hardcopy at the meeting along with an Excel spreadsheet and screen shot of all Brownfields grant awards in the Congresswoman's 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. EPA has invested approximately \$5.5 million in brownfields redevelopment in CA-District 6. Brent also shared some information with Mr. Stefanki to a question he raised regarding the McClellan Finding of Suitability for Early Transfer (FOSET) 2.

Sen. Jeff Flake (R-AZ): A final EPA response signed by OPA's Kelly Zito was sent to the attention of Brian Kennedy in the DC Office of Senator Jeff Flake to the incoming letter from Senator Jeff Flake dated March 24, 2016 regarding the Yuma Community Food Bank and cathode ray tube (CRT) issue. As noted in our response, this issue is being addressed by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and ADEQ's Ms. Laura Malone, Waste Programs Division Director has already followed up with Mr. Kennedy to let him know how ADEQ is addressing this issue as there is no EPA Region 9 involvement in this issue. A copy of EPA's response is available upon request.

**Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA):** Brent Maier reached out to the Senator's office to offer a briefing from our Superfund Division colleagues for Senator Kamala Harris' staff on California National Priority List (NPL) Sites. At a March 29<sup>th</sup> hearing before the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, Senator Harris asked some questions of EPA's

Barry Breen, Acting Assistant Administrator of the EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) about the Halaco and Sulfur Bank Superfund Sites as well as formally utilized defense (Fuds) sites. As a follow up to that hearing, Brent has offered to set up a briefing for the Senator's staff and to learn who from your offices should be included in that briefing as well as their availability over the next few weeks. Our briefing would include a general overview of all California National Priority List (NPL) Sites and could focus on any NPL Sites that their office is particularly interested in.

**Tomorrow – House Energy and Commerce Committee:** The House Energy & Commerce Committee's Environment panel is holding an April 4<sup>th</sup> hearing to debate a newly unveiled discussion draft of legislation that would reauthorize spending for EPA's brownfields program. That draft is separate from a recently introduced brownfields bill that has backing from many Democrats and some moderate Republicans on the panel. 10:00am ET. 2123 Rayburn House Office Building. <a href="https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/discussion-draft-brownfields-reauthorization">https://energycommerce.house.gov/hearings-and-votes/hearings/discussion-draft-brownfields-reauthorization</a>

**Tomorrow - California's 34th Congressional District Special Election:** A special election will be held on April 4, 2017 to determine the Member of the United States House of Representatives for California's 34th congressional district. If needed, a runoff will take place on June 6, 2017. Incumbent Representative Xavier Becerra, nominated by Governor Jerry Brown to succeed Kamala Harris, was confirmed as Attorney General of California on January 23, 2017. Harris, who was elected to the United States Senate to succeed Barbara Boxer, resigned as Attorney General on January 3, 2017. The filing deadline was February 9, 2017

# **Upcoming Congressional and Intergovernmental Meetings/Hearings:**

Wednesday, April 5, 2017 – EPA HQ Meeting with Roseville, CA Local Officials: EPA HQ Meeting: Roseville, CA Local Officials: Re: Water Issues: Water Supply; Waste water; Stormwater. Attending: Mayor Susan Rohan; Richard Plecker, Environmental Utilities Director; Ken Glotzback, Wastewater Utilities Manager; Sean Bigley, Public Affairs Administrator; Mark Wolinski, Government Relations Administrator; Accompanying: Mike Miller (The Ferguson Group, Washington, DC). EPA Lead Offices: Office of Water; Region IX

Thursday – Friday, April 6 – 7, 2017: Environmental Council of States (ECOS) Meeting: ECOS' spring meeting is set for April 6-7 in Washington, D.C., following an April 5 meeting of the state-federal E-Enterprise council that works on cooperative rulemaking efforts between the two levels of government, focused on data-sharing and planning. The full ECOS meeting will include addresses by EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY), who chairs the Environment & Public Works Committee; discussion of EPA's future in the Trump administration by former agency officials; and panels on likely changes to climate and energy regulation following the agency's expected withdrawal of Obama-era climate rules such as the Clean Power Plan. State officials are also likely to discuss President Donald Trump's FY18 budget outline for the agency that targets for cuts or outright elimination a host of EPA programs that assist states' own environmental activities. ECOS has urged the Trump administration to preserve or even boost spending in many of those accounts. <a href="https://www.ecos.org/event/2017-spring-meeting/">https://www.ecos.org/event/2017-spring-meeting/</a>